

\$22,739 From State

Crawford Co. To Receive Snow Removal Aid

Twenty-nine of Michigan's 83 counties dug out from under more than 80 inches of snow last winter, qualifying them for state funds for snow removal, the state Highway Commission announced Thursday.

More than \$1.8 million will be given to the 29 counties under a snowfall and county road mileage formula, the commission said. The largest total snowfall last year was 224 inches in Keweenaw County at the northern tip of the Upper Peninsula, the commission said.

Baraga County, also in the U.P., was second with 199 inches. The largest payment, \$158,000 will go to Chippewa County for 131 inches of snow last winter.

The smallest amount, \$2,200, will go to Missaukee County, which received just more than 80 inches in 1974-75.

Counties not receiving the state aid last year but qualifying for help this season include Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Grand Traverse, Iron, Missaukee and Wexford.

Other counties getting state dollars for snow clean up are Alger, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Gogebic, Houghton, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Montmorency, Ontonagon, Oshtemo, Presque Isle and Schoolcraft.

Income Tax Institute Here

The University of Michigan Extension Service, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Michigan Department of Treasury, will conduct a series of two-day "Basic Income Tax Institutes" around the state in January, including one in Grayling.

According to a university spokesman they are designed "to meet the needs of the relatively inexperienced income tax practitioner and preparer of individual tax returns."

The Grayling session will be held at the Holiday Inn January 15th and 16th, with registration at 8:00 p.m. the first day. There is a \$15 enrollment fee which covers the cost of printed materials, coffee and other expenses.

If you have any questions, you may call Ann Arbor at (313) 764-5304, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office will be closed January 1 and 2, 1976.

Babson's 1976 Forecast

By Babson's Reports Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass., December 24, 1975. In its forecast for 1976 published a year ago, the staff of Babson's Reports envisioned an unfolding scenario far less pessimistic than the general atmosphere prevailing at that time. The primary message then was that the nation's problem for the coming 1976 calendar year was a recession and not a devastating depression. This thesis was predicated on the probability that recuperative forces would start to emerge as imbalances in the economy were corrected.

Babson's 1975 forecast also called attention to the various cushions which would play a vital role in lessening the severity of the recessionary forces despite the doom and gloom psychology holding sway as 1974 drew to a close. At the same time, however, the forecast warned against expecting the sort of rapid recovery from setbacks that this nation had experienced over the past 30 years. The causes of this latest recession were particularly deep-rooted and there was no question but that they would be difficult to cure.

1976 — OVERALL PROGNOSIS FAVORABLE

Everything considered, however, the staff of Babson's Reports forecasts further economic progress for 1976, even though readers of this column should not expect a return to outright boom conditions. Unwieldy inventories and short-term business and consumer debts have been reduced over the past year or so, but the real stuff needed to spark a protracted upsurge — aggressive business and consumer purchases, plus massive capital expenditures — are simply not on the horizon. As things stand, the first quarter could well be the best part of the year in terms of economic expansion. While the ensuing quarters will tack on additional gains, the size of the year-to-year improvements will diminish as 1976 progresses. But the key is that the trend will be upward throughout the entire year.

GNP — WITH AND WITHOUT INFLATION

In terms of "current dollar value," the nation's Gross National Product in 1976 should score an advance of some 11% over the 1975 totals that look as though they, in turn, would barely eclipse those of 1974 when final tally is made. While an increase of 11% may seem impressive, the force of upthrust will not be all that great. The broadest year-to-year gain will be seen in the first three months because this quarter is compared with the deepest point of the recession when the rate of inflation was still intolerably high. (See Babson's Forecast page 2)

Cross Country Ski Races

A "citizens race" for cross country ski enthusiasts is scheduled for 12:00 noon January 10th at the Grayling Winter Sports Park located at Bear Mountain 1½ miles west of Grayling. The race for novices, intermediates, and expert cross country skiers is a warm up for the United States Ski Association sanctioned Region III race to be held at the same location January 24th.

The race will have men's and women's divisions in three categories: Juniors, age 11-18, Seniors age 18-32, and Veterans age 32 and over. The Junior category has 4 age classes, class I, 11 and under; class II, 11-13; class III, 13-15; and class IV, 15-18. Interested skiers may pre-register by contacting the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, (517) 348-3336 or may register prior to the race! The race is open to the general public.



FIREFIGHTER'S SCHOOL—Thirty men from several area Fire Departments are attending a 66 hour Firefighter's School sponsored by the Michigan Fire-fighter's Training Council. Bill Jacobs from Elmira is the instructor for the school which is held in the Grayling Fire Barn every Monday evening for three hours. Departments represented are from Grayling, Luzerne, Mio, Greenwood Township and Bear Lake Township.

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Grayling Named An Embassy of Tourism

In a recent letter received by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Governor William Milliken has named the Grayling Winter Sports Festival an Embassy of Michigan Tourism.

The community will be honored in Lansing, February 11, 1976, at the Ambassador of Tourism awards dinner.

Governor Milliken explained the criteria for the award in the text of his letter:

"Each year Michigan's tourist industry honors a few organizations and individuals who have distinguished themselves in behalf of tourism over the years. I am most pleased to inform you that because the producers of the Grayling Winter Sports Festival over the past fifty years pioneered in developing Michigan as a center for winter sports and laid the groundwork for similar events and programs throughout the state, I am naming the Grayling Winter Sports Festival an Embassy of Michigan Tourism."

Mike Steele, Manager of the Chamber will receive the formal award as a representative of the festival.

JESS SALES DIES IN LANSING

Word has been received of the death of Jess Sales of 404 Spruce St., Grayling, on Sunday, December 28th, in the Ingham Medical Center in Lansing.

Friends may contact Sorenson Funeral Home for details regarding the services.

Attends Clerk's School

Grayling City Manager, Jerry Morford of 1101 Ogema, has returned from a week of concentrated study at Michigan State University designed to improve services of the municipal clerk's office to the community.

Mr. Morford was among 66 Michigan municipal clerks who completed the first segment of a three-year university-level program dealing with responsibilities and services of the clerk's office. Satisfactory completion of the three-year sequence, taught by university faculty and government authorities, fulfills the educational requirements for the Certified Municipal Clerk Award of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Our Weather

[Courtesy of Chuck Fick]

Dec.	Hi-Lo	Snow
22	28-24	5.5
23	28-2	4.5
24	24-19	4.5
25	27-14	4.0
26	28-24	4.0
27	26-20	4.0
28	28-21	4.5
29	30-16	4.0

WARNING

Inactive Duty Training will be conducted by units of the Michigan Air National Guard during the period 31 Dec 75, 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7 Jan 76. The Air to Ground Range located on the Artillery Range near Guthrie Lake north of County Road 612 will be used.

This range will be closed during the above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of this area.

Vikings Back in Action At Boyne City Jan. 6th

Following the annual Christmas and New Year's recess, the Grayling Vikings will return to basketball action on Tuesday night, January 6th.

Coach Fred Walcott's varsity, and Tom Mill's JV cagers will be looking for their first victory when they open the 1976 portion of their schedule on the road with a conference clash with the Boyne City Ramblers.

In the Vikings two losses prior to the holiday break against Kalkaska and Petoskey. Craig Hinkle was the Vikings' only scoring threat when he poured in 28 points against the Blue Blazers and 21 against the Northmen.

Bill Dean finished with 11 to also hit double figures in the Kasky game, with Steve Olsen

chipping in 7, Al Johnston and Ken Doty 6 each, Mike Money 4, Dan Bonamie 2, and Perry Papendick 1.

In the Petoskey contest, Hinkle was followed in the scoring by Bonamie with 6, Money and Dean with 4 each, Olsen and Dave Erickson, 2 each, and Marietta with 1.

In the JV's loss to Kalkaska, Tom Weideman lead the scoring for the local cagers with 10 points, followed by Mark Golinick and Tom Kaiser with 6 each, Dean Smith 4, Bryon Duncan and Randy Erickson, 3 each, and Randy McClain 2.

Against the little Northmen, McClain tossed in 18 markers, followed by Erickson with 8, Weideman 5, and Golinick, Kaiser, Kuhn and Hoag with 2 each.

Series in Trouble?

Mark Twain Next Artist Course

On Saturday evening, January 10th, the Community School Program will present the next program in its second attempt to create a series of high level cultural programs for the Grayling area. So far, two programs have been held and attendance has dropped far below last season, so far in fact that the Community School Office is looking at the realistic fact that it may be necessary to drop the series in future years.

The January 10th program will feature Grayling's own Walt Kozicki performing as Mark Twain. Walt has performed as famed American lecturer and author previously in Grayling, however the January 10th performance will be expanded and improved and will contain much new material. Walt's August performance in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium was most professionally done and received a great deal of well deserved acclaim.

If the people of the Grayling Area are interested in programs of this type, they will have to get behind them and support them. As with other programs of the Community School Program, they must support themselves or they will be dropped. Both the Artist Course Series and the Travel and Adventure need a greater volume of box office sales if they are to continue.

Social Security Representative Will Be In Grayling January 6th

The Social Security Representative will be at the Crawford County Court House on Michigan Avenue in Grayling from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 1976.

The representative will be there to meet with people who wish to apply for Social Security benefits, for Supplemental Security Income payments or for Medicare.

The representative will also be available to answer questions and discuss other Social Security matters. Please note the Social Security representative will also be coming to Grayling on Tuesday, January 20, 1976.

For further information, call (616) 946-8360, the Traverse City Social Security District Office.

Volunteer Aides Needed

It is difficult to understand why some children learn to read so easily while others struggle over each new skill.

Volunteer Aides work with these students each day to help them improve the skills they find too difficult to master alone. The progress is slow ... but the rewards are great! To have the satisfaction of knowing you have helped teach a child the very necessary skill of reading! It makes one feel good all over!

When the Christmas festivities are over and the holiday rush has slowed, don't let the January and February blues get you down. March to your telephone and call Irene Pettyjohn at 348-7641, extension 52! The long winter will melt into spring quickly as you pass the time helping the children at your schools.

HAVE A "HAPPY NEW YEAR" DRIVE WITH CARE

The Avalanche to Publish Series "Thunder Beyond the Mountains"

The Avalanche will present the story of the Revolutionary War in Michigan and neighboring states with a special series of Bicentennial feature stories beginning next week and continuing each week throughout 1976.

The series, "Thunder Beyond the Mountains," describes events and personalities involved in the conflict in the Old Northwest — the region west of

the Alleghenies which now comprises the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and part of Minnesota.

Topics of the features will range from well-known incidents such as the capture of western outposts by George Rogers Clark to such less familiar aspects of the war in the West as the role of the British Navy on the Great Lakes. Characters in the dramatic

struggle for the Old Northwest recalled in "Thunder Beyond the Mountains" include, besides Clark, Daniel Boone who was a captive at Detroit and at Old Chillicothe in Ohio. A lesser known American soldier to be introduced to Avalanche readers is Robert Patterson who, despite wounds from a 1776 skirmish with Indians, fought throughout the Northwest during the Revolution.

On the opposite side was Henry Hamilton, British lieutenant governor at Detroit, whom frontiersmen labeled "The Hair-buyer" because of his policy of paying Indians for scalps. Leaders of Northwestern Indians in their assaults on the frontiers included the famous Simon Girty and also Charles Langlade, French trader at Green Bay.

Well-known Indian chiefs whose exploits in the Old Northwest are retold in "Thunder Beyond the Mountains" include Cornstalk, who was defeated in the Battle of Point Pleasant and later was murdered by Americans; Joseph Brant, victor over Archibald Lochry in Ohio; and Little Turtle, who subdued Frenchman Augustin Mottin de la Balme in Indiana.

Writer of the series is Gordon G. Beld, director of information services at Alma (Mich.) College, a former Grand Rapids newspaperman and teacher. His "Tales of Two Peninsulas," a series on Michigan history, was carried by several newspapers in that state three years ago.

Since 1950 he has written several individual features and six series for The Grand Rapids Press concerning the history of Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

He has received several awards for design of Alma College publications, and earlier this year he placed first in sports photography and second in photo story competition sponsored by the Great Lakes District of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Before moving to Alma from the Grand Rapids area in 1965, he served as the first chairman of the Historical and Cultural Commission of the City of Wyoming and was a member of the Greater Grand Rapids Indian Mounds Park Committee.

A graduate of Hope College, he holds a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan.

MAILBOX

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Kirtland's Nursing Program Fully Approved By State

Kirtland's Practical Nursing Program has achieved the status of "Full Approval" from the Michigan Board of Nursing, Department of Licensing and Regulation.

The program started in 1973 under the status of "initial approval". Since then, Kirtland has graduated three nursing classes (78 Practical Nurses). These graduates have consistently scored in the top five practical nursing schools in Michigan on the State Boards Test Pool Examination. Fifty of the nursing graduates are currently employed in medical facilities in the area.

Full approval means that Kirtland has shown evidence that the program is meeting State requirements, and is approved after thorough examination of the program, by the Michigan Board of Nursing.

Mrs. Frela Beck indicated that she was pleased with the full approval because of the importance this has for the past and future nursing classes.

Dean Garnet Stewart said, "This is a significant step in our progress and it would not have been possible without the close working relationship of a dedicated faculty; the determination and achievement of our students; and the cooperation of local clinical facilities."

Area clinical facilities that have participated in the education of the students are: Mercy Hospital, Grayling; Tolfree Memorial Hospital, West Branch; Tawas St. Joseph Hospital, Tawas City; Osseo Memorial Hospital (McPherson Hall), Gaylord; Ogemaw Valley Medical Facility, Rose City; West Branch Geriatric Village, West Branch; and Isco Medical Care Facility, Tawas City and area public health agencies, doctors' offices and elementary school (kindergarten) facilities.



RSVP VOLUNTEERS HELP—Shown above with Pat Fowler, President of Community Services are RSVP volunteers Lucille Blumenschein and Georgia Royce. These ladies along with 20 other RSVP volunteers cut and sewed over 170 nightgowns and pairs of pajamas for Community Services to distribute this Christmas along with baskets of food and toys. The efforts of many persons are to be commended for their dedication to carry out the Christmas Spirit of giving and caring about others. The members of Community Services and The Retired Senior Volunteer Program wish to extend Holiday Greetings to one and all. (Helene Moon, RSVP Director)

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I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all my friends, neighbors and relatives for all the candy, letters, flowers and telephone calls I received during my convalescence at South Macomb Hospital in Warren. Being so far from home, they were appreciated all the more.

Thank You,
Lois Bendig

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to the Community for making our Christmas so Merry

From the Family at
Hatt's Adult Foster Home

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia attended the funeral services for his brother, Everett, in Muskegon on Wednesday of last week. Emil Tahvonen of DeWitt, formerly of Grayling, was a pallbearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson, Gary and Kathy and Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Kehr spent Christmas Day in Lewiston, guests of Mrs. Johnson's sister and family, the Robert Mathisons.

Jeanne Groschick, Tressa and Mika spent Christmas Day at Hatt's Adult Foster Home. They helped prepare dinner, which was much appreciated, and then had their dinner with the group.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sorenson celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on December 20th and enjoyed dinner with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson at Michigaw. The Sorensons spent from Tuesday to Friday in Lansing with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wardell. Irene Sorenson, who is employed at the MSU Employees Credit Union in Lansing, spent last weekend with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Leighton and son, Barry, arrived Friday to spend several days with her parents, the Lyle Johnsons.

Babson's Forecast

The moderate and low-key nature of the business uptrend can be better appreciated by projecting the GNP on a constant-dollar basis (1958 as the base period), adjusted to remove the influence of inflation. Babson's Reports projects the "real" GNP for 1976 at 4% above that for 1975. This upshading is only a bit greater than the basic growth rate of the economy and surely does not merit a "boom" label.

KEEP AN EYE ON INFLATION

By and large, 1975 witnessed a fair degree of success in damping the fires of inflation. While this corollary of purchasing power remains uncomfortably high, its impact has been materially reduced in the course of the past 12 months. In early 1976, inflation should be moderately well contained, but with the advent of the spring months upward pressures will again strengthen. As was the case in the past two years, this will be due to cost-push rather than demand-pull factors. The latter, however, could compound the problem somewhat in the middle and latter parts of the year as business makes headway. In the initial months of 1976, inflation will not build in direct proportion to the amplitude of new wage hikes, since the substantial reservoir of under-utilized production capacity in many industries and the cautious buying policies of consumers and businessmen militate against free and unrestricted price markups.

But this barrier against inflation will be increasingly difficult to maintain as 1976 proceeds. The cumulative effects of boosts in labor costs, shipping charges, and other operating expenses will gradually offset some of the benefits of higher production and sales, squeezing profit margins to such an extent that only compensating price boosts can alleviate the situation. Also, continuing massive deficits in the federal budget will add potent fuel to inflation, both psychologically and to the degree that such deficits are monetized. We envision inflation averaging some 7% in 1976.

INVENTORIES — LESS DOMINANT IN 1976

Sudden changes in the policy of business toward inventory holdings in the year ahead will not be the dominating influence on economic activity that they have been in the past two years. The Arab oil embargo created fear of supply shortages and price increases. The ensuing spurge of inventory accumulation served to buoy 1974's business for the better part of the year before it was realized that consumers had altered their spending pattern and that high borrowing costs were negating the cost benefits of stockpiling. The resultant turnaround in policy in favor of retrenchments in inventory holdings and bank loans triggered the sharp slump in industrial activity in late 1974 and early 1975. And here again, in some segments of the economy businessmen overreacted. So, as signs of a loosening of consumer purse strings were seen, overly deep slashes in inventories had to be corrected. It was this move to replenish stocks of raw materials and finished goods which brought about the unexpectedly early and steep business climb starting in the second quarter of 1975.

Such pronounced swings in business inventories are not likely to be repeated in 1976. There may be some stockpiling early in the year to hedge against the debilitating effects of a possible protracted tie-up of the nation's trucking industry by the Teamsters early next spring, but for the most part labor negotiations during the year ahead do not involve industries which would require intensive strike-hedge inventory accumulation. Moreover, the somewhat more liberal consumer spending pattern is neither deep-rooted nor extensive enough to encourage merchants to load up. And manufacturers and retailers are haunted by memories of the surplus goods of the past 12 months and are not anxious for a repeat of that fiasco.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The last major cyclical upturn in industrial production peaked in the latter part of 1973. Except for a moderate adjustment, factory operations were sustained near that top level for almost a year owing to the scramble for inventories. Finally, however, the stagnation in consumer demand forced a drastic reduction of surplus stocks during the second half of 1974 and triggered the negative in production. In the six months encompassing the first quarter of 1975 and the first quarter of 1976, the economy was battered by an awesome sequence of events. Production cutbacks, shortened workweeks, employee layoffs, and plant closings. But since the latter part May, the Federal Reserve Index of Industrial Production has advanced steadily, and somewhat more steeply than was thought, for a year ago.

What is in the pipeline for the latter half of the year, please, 1976? After its roller coaster ride, the index of factory operations, while the strength is not overly ahead of the industrial spectrum, the industrial advance of moderate pace and the more recent veer in the long-suppressed consumer demand are optimistic. Consumer demand for apparel, appliances, and home furnishings is also contributing to the upturn in production. However, with a backlog for possible strike interruptions, it now looks as if there can manifest an upward trend, although factory production may not exhibit the close-to-a-constant growth rate of the economy. Realistic comparisons are likely to be most impressive during the first four months of the year, as the industrial base is still in the cyclical trough of the recession. Meanwhile, gains in factory output are not as impressive as a trended half, against the backdrop of the rate of the nation's basic growth, which far exceeds the rate of the industrial base, which is still in the trough of the recession.

Babson's Forecast continued next week

CHRISTMAS IN GRAYLING

The festive spirit was in the air in Grayling as the community celebrated the Christmas season. The town was decorated with lights and garlands, and the streets were filled with the sounds of carols and the sight of people in holiday attire. The Grayling Community Center was the hub of activity, with many events and parties held there. The town's churches also played a significant role in the celebrations, with many services and programs held throughout the season. The overall atmosphere was one of joy and togetherness, as the community came together to celebrate the holidays.

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your week ahead

BY DR. A.W. DAVIS

Forecast Period: January 4 to January 10

This week, you won't be in one of your better moods. As a matter of fact, you might feel as though you're going from nowhere to nowhere.

It's highly probable that a new project is on the way. Also, in one way or another, you'll utilize a past experience.

According to your chart, a provocative discussion will explode among your associates. Avoid topics directed toward politics or religion.

An event or series of events that seemingly are working against you, will in fact, turn out to your benefit...in the long haul.

Failing to recognize your own limitations, shows in your chart. Don't tackle a project for which you are not qualified.

A member of the opposite sex will not be wishing you well, for one reason or another. It's a good time not to have an opinion.

In one way or another, someone's change of occupation or residence will affect your long range plans.

Most members of your sign are in for a big, big piece of good luck. According to stellar patterns—your sign can do no wrong.

It seems as though we always want the thing we can't have. Bluntly, that's going to be your hang up, this week.

This happens to be one of those weeks when you shouldn't be concerned about what someone has done—worry about what they are going to do.

You might participate in a bizarre social activity that could lead to a questionable friendship. Actually, it's not the time to make friends.

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

MOONCHILD
June 21-July 22

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Frederic News

by Arlen Kesby

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rupp Jr. and Gary Baiden from Vandercook Lake, Mich., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keshy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brandes and son Paul, of Frederic, are spending the Christmas holidays with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brandes of Ypsilanti and with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Sager of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westbrooke spent Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Husted of River. Common Mrs. Karen Selows of Capoma, daughter of the Husteds, also spent the day with them. Her husband, Johnny, planned to join them for the weekend.

HOST PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sorenson hosted a cocktail party and dinner at the Hospitality Motor Inn, East Lansing, on December 12th, for the men of the State Board of Mortuary Science; their wives; Jack Jorgenson, executive secretary of Michigan Funeral Directors Association in Lansing; and Rep. William Costello.

Sorenson presented plaques to Carol Asp, of Norway, Mich., and Clyde Schammel of Battle Creek, past presidents of the State Board of Mortuary Science. He also presented all of the members, Mr. Jorgenson and Rep. Costello, with bouquets and awards, gifts from the Bear Archery Company.

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Calendar Of Events

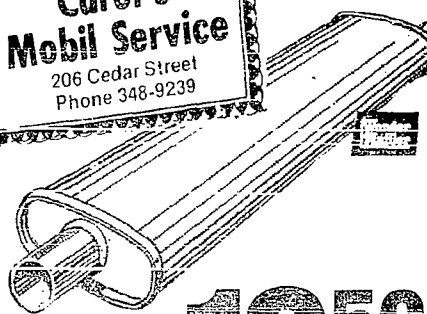
First Wednesday of every month there will be a Grayling Sportsman Club meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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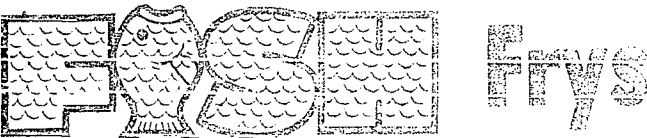
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From Our Corner...

What else did you expect from our corner following Christmas?

That's right the bigger boss T.J. with her mom and dad spent Christmas with us — and she brought a different feeling into our house that we haven't experienced in a long time.

The saying, Christmas is for children, could not be truer. Her jibber-jabber, and excitement full-filled our day, as we remembered it many years ago.

For those who may be interested ... if we appear irritable it is because we are trying to kick the habit ... going on 2 weeks now. We were told the other day, if we can make it a couple more — we should be able to qualify as a card carrying member of the "Thank you, for not smoking" club.

We haven't made any bets, and don't intend to.

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23 YEARS AGO January 1, 1953

Bob Sunday of Detroit spent several days here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells and daughter, Vicki, of Lansing, spent Christmas with their parents Mrs. A. F. Donor and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells.

Miss Jane Ann Martin of Detroit spent Christmas week with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Truettner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ritter and daughter, Claudia of Dewitt spent Christmas with her parents the Carl Dorahs.

The Frank Madill family of Moultrie, Georgia, is visiting Frank's and Caroline's parents the Charles Madills and Charles Post families for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Hollie Luter and family spent last week in Detroit with relatives.

The Ernest Lovely family of Auburn spent Christmas here with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Allison and children and Mrs. Erma Allison spent last week in Poland, Ohio, with Mrs. Allison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rasor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade spent Christmas week in Toledo, with their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph and family and Mrs. Signe Randolph spent Christmas Day in Cadillac visiting the Stanley Stephan family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doyon of Frederic, a five pound girl, December 22. She will be known as Denise Mary Ann.

At the Raymond Weavers were her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Truman La Vack and family of Midland and Natalie's grandparents the Frank La Vacks of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen left for Lansing Friday, the Ken Allens will spend a few days there but the Dale Allens will go on to Norfolk, Va., where Dale is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrus and children, of Chicago, spent Christmas and several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Drummond of Detroit arrived last Wednesday evening to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swanson and children spent Christmas Eve in Cadillac with Mr. Swan son's people and Christmas Day with her sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gould of Winipeg. The Goulds spent Sunday and Monday at the Swanson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and children spent the holidays with the latter's parents in Croswell. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood spent Christmas vacation in Lowell and Grayling. They returned home to Bay City in the afternoon. Mrs. Ruth Caid accompanied them and will spend a few days of her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Caid and sons returned to Adrian, Michigan last Friday, where they plan on remaining for some time.

46 YEARS AGO January 2, 1930

Misses Nina Fleming and Rella Leadbeater of the Nurses Training School are spending a few days at their homes in Vanderbilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock are happy to have another son in their family. The baby was born at Mercy Hospital December 31st. They have named him Jerry Joe.

Frank Bromley is a guest at the Nels Corwin home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McInnis of Detroit were Christmas guests at the home of Roy Milnes.

Frank Brady of Saginaw was a guest at the John Brady and J. B. Callahan homes New Years.

Nels Martin of Saginaw was a guest at the J. L. Martin home for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell have returned from a pleasant visit with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson had as their guests over Christmas the former's brother, Herbert and family of Beaver Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Earle Smith and son, Julian, and daughter, Joyce, of Detroit were guests at the Fred Welsh home several days this week.

Mrs. Matilda Bishop of Cleveland and her sister, Miss Gertrude Foley of Pontiac and Philip Boucher of Gross Isle were guests at the William Foley home over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schiably and children, Junior and Beverly, left for Lansing Monday to visit Mrs. Schiably's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gierke spent the weekend in Saginaw visiting Mrs. Ina Rasmussen. Monday they continued on to Toledo, Ohio, where they spent New Years with the former's brother, Al Gierke.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dabbert and son, Arnold and Mrs. Dabbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Barber of Roscommon spent the Christmas weekend visiting relatives and friends in Bay City, Detroit and Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Ben DeLaMater and family are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Eckenfels.

Mrs. Catherine Lookos and son, Floyd, spent Christmas in Grand Rapids visiting relatives. Kenneth Berkhardt has been visiting in Frederic with his mother's family, the Charons.

Ed Barber returned to Chicago Heights after eating Christmas Dinner at home in Frederic.

The H. Petersen Grocery stock was moved to a new location on Saturday night and on Monday morning business was going on as usual.

69 YEARS AGO January 3, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. R. Pappas, with Master Ronnie went to Bay City last week Wednesday, returning Monday.

Theodore Anderson of Frederic is the owner of a new looking team which he traded to Mr. J. Christen of Bay.

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The New Year

Nineteen hundred and seventy six will no doubt be the year of opportunity in the land of opportunity. After two hundred years of the greatest experiment in freedom the world has ever known, we now face the most serious challenge in our history.

While we as a nation have spiritually slept, dreaming of some future utopia, our hands and feet have been silently bound by the deceptive cords of atheism and immorality. Our senses have been slowly drugged by affluence and self-gratification. Our real danger lies not in our limitation or inability, but our indifference and indecision.

We dare not wait for some Paul Revere or modern hero to awaken us from our dreams and call us to the challenge of the hour. If our country is to reverse her present course, it will be because ordinary people like you and me at the grass roots level, arise to the occasion and insist upon a return to these basic principles which made our nation great.

Arnold Toynbee in his study of history found only two exceptions to his theory dealing with the rise and fall of civilizations: one with Israel and the other with England. Both exceptions were the result of spiritual revival which changed the nations from within. The United States of America faces certain impending doom unless we have a spiritual revival. This is not written as a prophecy of doom, but as a plea for revival and hope.

We need to pray the words of Psalm 85:4, 6, 13. "Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease ... Will thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps."

Our nation is a living testi-

mony of how great one nation under God can become. I pray that a spiritual revival will spare us from experiencing the terrible fall that comes to every nation who forgets God. The hour is late. The stakes are high. The choice is real. The responsibility is yours. Future opportunity may be limited. Your personal decision to trust Jesus Christ as your God and Savior may be the one which will spare our nation from divine judgment. You will never make a more important resolution than to resolve that Jesus Christ shall have first place in your heart and life. This is the key to a Happy New Year. (adv.)

Pastor Barnett

Bride Elect



Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hubbard of Roscommon and formerly of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Jean, to Bruce A. Romeo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Romeo of Tawas City. Both are attending Kirtland Community College. An October wedding is planned.



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OBITUARIES

Saturday Services For Paul H. Crawford, 74

Paul H. Crawford, 74, of North Down River Road died Wednesday, December 24th, at Mercy Hospital. He was born in Ohio April 11, 1901 and was a retired carpenter. Funeral services were held Saturday at one o'clock at the Larison Funeral Home in Mio with burial in the Lovells Cemetery. Mr. Crawford is survived by his wife, Mabel; two daughters and five sons.

Final Rites For John H. Moon, 77

John H. Moon, 77, of Beaver Creek, passed away Tuesday, December 23rd, at Mercy Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 27th, at one o'clock at Sorenson Funeral Home with Rev. Danny Brown officiating. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. Mr. Moon was born in Beaver Creek Township of Crawford County October 28, 1898. He lived in Flint for 43 years where he retired as a production worker at Chevrolet. He returned here to live in 1965.

He is survived by one son, Ernest of Grayling; one daughter, Mrs. Harry (Jacquelyn) Hicks of Flint; and five grandchildren; also, an aunt, Mrs. Laura Johnston of Grayling. His wife, the former Lucille E. Treat, preceded him in death on March 23, 1950.

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TAKE NOTICE, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the lands lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with 50 per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service of cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit, and the further sum of five dollars for each description without other additional cost or charges: PROVIDED, that with respect to purchasers at the tax sale held in the years 1938, 1939 and 1940 the sum stated in such notice as a condition of reconveyance shall only be all sums paid as a condition of the tax title purchase, together with 10 per centum additional thereto, if payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute Proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land:
"State of Michigan, County of Crawford, Lot 593, 1/4 of "Warbler's Hideaway No. 4" according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 2, page 24, Crawford County Records."

Amount necessary to redeem, \$72.60 plus the fees of the Sheriff.
Mark T. Moore
4568 15 Mile #205
Sterling Hts., MI. 48077
TO: Marie Trahan, last grantee in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County. Mark T. Moore, grantee under the tax deed issued by the Auditor General for the latest year's taxes appearing of record in said registry of deeds.
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COUNTY OF SAGINAW
I DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND RETURN, that the within Notice was delivered to me for service on the 15th day of August, 1975, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of MARIE TRAHAN the person appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, to be the last grantee in the regular chain of title to the within described lands at the said date of the said delivery of such notice to me for service or whether the above named person is living or dead, and if deceased, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts of post office address of the heirs of said grantee or the whereabouts or post office address of the executor, administrator, trustee, or guardian of such grantee or holders of other interests in or upon the foregoing described land.
DATED: November 24, 1975
HARRISON KELLY,
Deputy Sheriff of said County
My fee, \$10.00 25-1-8-15

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Oscar Borchers Dies Suddenly in Alpena

Oscar Borchers, 71, of 3536 Long Rapids Road, Alpena, former resident of Grayling, died suddenly during the night Sunday, December 28th, at home. He was born November 3, 1904 at Grayling and was employed as a heavy equipment driver for the Crawford County Road Commission for 39 years before retiring.

He was a member of the Cathro Community Church, where he served as a Deacon. On October 15, 1927, he married the former Elvira Johnson in Grayling. She survives, as do two daughters, Mrs. Rolly (Sally) Hummel of Clawson and Mrs. Dick (Sue) Benedict of Alpena; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and one brother, Clyde R. Borchers of Grayling.

Friends may call at the Wachterhauser Funeral Home, 504 Washington, in Alpena.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 31st, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathro Community Church with Pastor Philip Anderson officiating. Eulogial interment will be in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Alpena County.

Services Held For Everett Bidvia, 54

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 24th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Clock Funeral Chapel in Muskegon for Everett Bidvia, 54, of 1194 W. Devonshire, Norton Shores, who died Saturday, December 20th, at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon. Rev. Wayne Speese officiated and interment was in Restlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Bidvia was born in Grayling, July 26, 1921, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bidvia. He was a teacher with the Muskegon Heights Public Schools for the past 26 years and was a member of the Eiks Lodge No. 274 and the American Legion. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

Survivors include his wife, the former Elizabeth Carpenter, whom he married in 1957; four daughters, Shelly, Susan, Nancy and Mary, all at home; one brother, Matthew Bidvia of Grayling; and four sisters, Mrs. Cecil (Martha) Speight of Dearborn, Mrs. Sylvia Keppen of Dearborn, Miss Edith Bidvia of Detroit and Mrs. Ed (Alma) Cornford of Jackson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crawford County Library.

Donald Babbitt Dies In Colorado

Word has been received here by Pearl Babbitt of Maple Forest of the death of Donald Babbitt on December 21st in Colorado. He is survived by two brothers, Hubert and Pete Babbitt of Bellaire.

Moose News

Well another Christmas has gone but not without its share of blessings. There were a lot of happy homes this year because everything closed early and most families were together on Christmas Eve. Some were disappointed because of illness in the family or loved ones were too far from home to get there. But all in all, it was beautiful and God blessed us with a blanket of white that made the old saying "There's no place like home" more precious than ever. Wonderful to hear that Eleanor Swarthout and Ivy Watson are home from the hospital. Fred Campbell is still confined to the V.A. Hospital in Saginaw. Also, sorry to hear that every Moose member's friend, Homer King, Jr., is in Grayling Hospital. Homer is everybody's mailman and will be missed very much by his mother and dad and his family over the holidays so get well in a hurry, Homer, we need that mail running smoothly.

We have another major mishap to report. Jim and Janice Miller lost their home and belongings in a fire on the 24th of December so there was no Christmas for the Millers on Christmas morning. People can make this a little less painful by giving whatever you can. That includes money, clothes or furniture. You can leave your donations at the Moose Club after 12:00 Noon and you don't have to be a member to give. Thanks to the people who took the time to spend the evening with Effie Howe on her 79th birthday. The party was fun. Al Lawe was great. Everyone had a good time; it's too bad that Effie didn't have more Sisters there because she had a lot of Brothers (Happy Birthday, Effie).

We had a Christmas party for the kids. In spite of our light fingered friends at least we made a few of the youngsters happy. Don't forget the New Year's Party, we have the best Country Music, and it's all for you. So be there, you won't regret it. And for the person or persons who had their Christmas at the expense of the children, don't forget that the man upstairs knows who you are and don't forget that you have to dance to his music and I sure hope that I'm allowed to be there when you have to "pay the fiddler".
Elmer Neal

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County Board of Commissioners

Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners held in the Court House in the City of Grayling on the 8th day of December 1975.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kauffman.
Invocation by Mr. Kauffman.
Roll Call: Kenneth Carlisle, Rella Failing, Patrick Harwood, Fred Kauffman, Joseph LaGrow, Edward Lowrie—Present. Dean Welch—Absent.

MOTION by Lowrie, second by LaGrow, that the minutes of the November Session be approved. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter was read which was sent to Larry Gust from Fred B. Kellow, Chief of Solid Waste Management Division, regarding Crawford-Orisgo County Solid Waste Management Plan.

2. Northwest Regional Transportation Study, from Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation, scheduled meetings at several places in the North.

3. Letter from Crawford County Road Commission agreed to antenna installation on their radio tower to be used for Dial-A-Ride. The Board agreed that if there is any interference with their system, the antenna would be changed, and if the time comes that the Dial-A-Ride radio system is not needed, the antenna will be removed.

4. Letter from Consumers Power Co. to Cornell Agency re their agreement with Crawford County Parks Commission, requested a complete copy of their policy and endorsements naming Consumers and Parks Commission as additional insureds.

5. Letter and copy of bill for the assessing of fire City of Grayling was read and tabled until later in the day.

6. Letters were read from Robert G. Howlett, State Department of Labor, regarding appointments for arbitration in Locals 214 and 2759.

7. Letter written by Roy Papenfus to State Department of Labor explained that the county cannot afford to enforce plumbing and electrical inspections, which are presently being handled by the State.

8. Letter from Wares Bros. with quotations on purchase, rental and lease of Canon Copier was filed.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Harwood, that the motion made at the November meeting in regard to Canon HP 70 Plain Paper Copier be withdrawn, in that they have increased the cost from \$145 to \$170 per month, and that no further action be taken on this machine until information is received from Xerox. All Aye. Carried.

9. Letter and copy of Application for Permit to lay a gas pipeline in Frederic Township was read from Consumers Power Company. Roy Papenfus informed the Board that the DNR would have the final say.

10. Letter from Willard Bosserman, COOP Extension Director, informed of staff changes because of budget deficits in the State of Michigan.

11. Copy of County Ordinance passed February 12, 1975, which was sent to Lansing for approval, was read. There has been no reply from Lansing.

12. Ralph Ostling, State Representative, notified the Board that he has introduced legislation regarding noise abatement, as per resolution passed by this Board.

Discussion was held on the Snowplowing Contract. Only one bid was received.

MOTION by Failing, second by Harwood, to contract for snowplowing for 1975-76 with Joe Durga at \$35.00 per trip. Roll Call: Failing, Harwood, Carlisle, Kauffman, LaGrow—All Aye. Lowrie—No. Carried.

Mrs. Carol Conklin contacted the Board in regard to the way complaints are being handled. John Huss, Prosecuting Attorney, was asked to clarify this matter. He will contact the Assistant Prosecutor, Robert Britton, to take care of these complaints.

Commissioner LaGrow talked to the Board at the request of the Grayling merchants in regard to Christmas tree planting. He explained that they would like a smaller tree at each side of the first island in front of the County Building.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Lowrie, to approve the planting of two smaller trees on each side of the island in front of the County Building, by the merchants and all costs to be paid by the Merchants Association. Roll Call: All Aye. Carried.

Commissioner LaGrow expressed the wishes of Kiwanis President, Marv Zimmerman, on an upcoming project to build a band stand on the Parks property in the area between the river and the Courthouse. After discussion, the following motion was made.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Lowrie, to give tentative approval for the construction of a replica of the original bandstand which was located at the site of the old courthouse, but on a much larger scale, with the final approval coming from the County Parks Commission, and with no cost to the county. Roll Call: All Aye. Carried.

Commissioner LaGrow, after talking with the WIN Program representative, explained to the Board a program whereby an assistant for the Animal Control Officer could be worked out at no cost to the county for one year.

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Kauffman. He reported that VD is on the rise again in the state. The Health Departments are planning a type of program whereby they can work in the schools to combat this disease.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORT by Lowrie. He reported that the Airport Committee held a hearing November 18th on the court case. Further pleadings are to be filed, and there is a possibility that the case could possibly be heard before Christmas. He reported further that the City and Township have under discussion the possibility of withdrawing their participation in the Airport.

Commissioner Welch now present.

Allen Schreiner, City Treasurer, appeared before the Board. There was a general discussion as to the amount due and owing the County for service in City assessing.

MOTION by Failing, second by Welch, that this County bill the City for City assessing from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1975 in the amount of \$11,000.00. Roll Call: Failing, Welch, Carlisle, Harwood, Kauffman, LaGrow, Lowrie—All Aye. Carried.

MOTION by Welch, that the County turn back the City assessing to the City. Failed for lack of support.

MOTION by Failing, second by Lowrie, that the contract be accepted by the Board of Commissioners at the rate of \$5,500.00 per year. Contract follows. Roll Call: Failing, Lowrie, Carlisle, Harwood, Kauffman, LaGrow—All Aye. Welch—Absent Temporarily. Carried.

Notwithstanding all previous written and verbal transactions to the contrary, the County of Crawford and City of Grayling enter into this agreement for the purpose of preparing and administering the tax and assessment rolls for the City of Grayling.

The following items shall be fully understood and accepted by all parties concerned:

1. The Crawford County Equalization Department shall maintain the ownership changes and property splits for the City of Grayling, and shall submit same to the data processing company for use in maintaining the computerized facilities for preparation and printing of the tax and assessment rolls for the City of Grayling. The City of Grayling shall pay all costs of maintenance and printing as billed by the data processing facility.

2. The Equalization Department shall process all personal property statements and the audits, if any, pertaining to same. The cost of administration and auditing shall be the burden of said department.

3. The costs of assembling the tax statements for mailing and the mailing of the tax statements shall be the responsibility of the City of Grayling.

4. The Equalization Department shall work appraisals on, and therefore assess, all new construction subject to ad valorem taxation within the City.

5. The Equalization Department shall assist Senior Citizens and veterans in filing the Michigan Property Tax Credit forms (MCR-1040) for the purpose of tax rebate under Acts 281, PA 1967 and Act 20, PA 1973 as amended.

6. The Equalization Department shall notify, by first class mail, any taxpayer whose assessment has been increased over the previous year, at least 10 days prior to the March Board of Review.

7. Under the provisions of the Charter of the City of Grayling the Assessor shall sit on the Board of Review for the City of Grayling. It shall be the responsibility of the City of Grayling to pay compensation at the same rate as received by other members of the Board of Review to the Assessor for time spent on the Board of Review that does not coincide with the regular work days hours paid by the County.

8. The Equalization Director shall be the Assessor for the City of Grayling.

9. The staff of the Equalization Department shall assist the Director in re-appraising and up-dating the real properties in the City of Grayling. Re-appraisals shall be scheduled to effect a complete re-appraisal of all real property every five years. The final assessment as presented to the Board of Review shall be the responsibility of the Director. The methods of appraisal and directives governing the staff shall be the responsibility of the Director. If any problem shall arise the Director shall be the person to whom the problem is referred, and not any member of the staff.

10. The cost of preparation and administration involving the City tax and assessment rolls by the County Equalization Department to the City of Grayling shall be \$5,500.00 annually. Billing shall be made to the City at the time the Summer (City) tax roll, warrant and bills are delivered to the Treasurer of the City for collection.

11. Modifications or changes in this agreement desired by either party shall be submitted in writing to the County Clerk and City Clerk respectively and agreed upon not less than 30 days prior to the effective date. In the event no changes or modifications are desired, this agreement shall continue in effect from year to year as written herein. Any such modifications or changes that are agreeable to both parties shall become part of this agreement but shall not change or alter any other parts of this agreement. Any modifications or changes to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties prior to the effective date thereof. Any changes in procedure or remuneration effecting succeeding years shall be agreed upon prior to May 1 of any year.

12. This agreement covers the period of July 1, 1975, to June 30, 1976, and shall be considered to be renewed each year unless terminated.

13. Termination of this contract by mutual agreement may occur at any time. Unilateral termination may occur on any June 30 provided that any such cancellation shall be in writing delivered to the City and County Clerk on or before May 1.

14. Institution of this contract shall be upon adoption of a resolution by both the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and the Grayling City Council.

15. All material, files and records pertaining to real or personal property assessments within the City of Grayling shall remain the property of the City.

The effective date of this agreement shall be 7-1-1975.

Fred Kauffman, Chairman
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Leo E. Lowrie, Clerk
Crawford County

Derek E. McEvers, Mayor
City of Grayling

Allen V. Schreiner, Clerk
City of Grayling

Robert Smock Jr. met with the Board. He is working with juveniles on the Youth Services Program, and working with Youth Officer, Erickson, when needed. His field will be counselor and working with delinquent and pre-delinquent youths. Letter from Fraser Dean, Superintendent, was read, regarding the value of a trained counselor.

Jack Wilson, representing General Telephone Company, was asked by Dean Welch to appear before the Board and explain the installation and cost of a switchboard for the Courthouse and Jail. After many questions and answers, the Board decided to take this under advisement.

Larry Hunter, Equalization Director, appeared before the Board regarding the feasibility of hiring a person under CETA or Professional Service Career Program to train for a position for a possible opening in his department in May 1976. After much discussion the Chairman gave the Personnel Committee permission to hire a new man for the Equalization Department if there is no cost to the County.

Joe Durga appeared before the Board in regard to snowplowing. After some discussion, Mr. Durga was informed that his contract would be signed and could be obtained at the County Clerk's office.

Joseph Wakeley, County Treasurer, informed the Board that the County funds are almost depleted. Further, he gave a financial report of the County.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT by Lowrie. After attending a meeting in which percentage payment to the County by the State was explained, he is under the impression that the cost of mental health to the county will be increasing through the years. He further reported that the union contract for the Mental Health Department is being prepared and has been tabled.

Commissioner LaGrow brought up at this time the matter of an assistant for the Animal Control Officer.

MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, that the matter of an Assistant for the Animal Control Officer be tabled until a study of county revenues can be made. Roll Call: All Aye. Carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT by Lowrie. He reported on Wetlands Planning. He also reported that the Planning Commission as a whole would do the planning for the county. The first phase will be to determine what we have to work with, second to have a system in classifying property as commercial, residential, etc. Airport planning maps have been made.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT by Failing. As of this time the Board does not have a Garbage Disposal Contract. This was tabled until their next meeting. There was discussion as to who would pay for the DPW Solid Waste Management Plan being drawn by Larry Gust. It was the consensus of opinion of the Board that it should be paid from DPW funds.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Welch. He gave a rundown on ambulance expenses and receipts for the year. Bills are pending in several cases. After discussion, the Board made a decision that the Prosecuting Attorney will write letters for outstanding bills before any further action will be taken. Mr. Welch reported on work being done by Youth Officer Erickson, and by Carl Lugvlied of the Drug Lab.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT by LaGrow. He recommended the adoption of a resolution to oppose cost of Workmen's Compensation.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Failing to adopt the following resolution. Roll Call: All Aye. Carried.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners go on record as opposing Michigan House Bill 4399 and Michigan Senate Bill 355, proposed legislation which will greatly increase the cost of Workmen's Compensation in the State of Michigan.

As an employer, the County of Crawford is in no position to have increased costs in their operation at this time, and we are opposed to any Acts of the Legislature which will increase the tax burden for the citizens of the County of Crawford, Michigan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Welch. Your Committee on Finance would respectfully submit the following as their report, and do hereby recommend that the several amounts scheduled herein be allowed and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized to draw orders on the County Treasurer.

NAME OF CLAIMANT	CHARACTER OF CLAIM	ALLOWED & REJECTED
Janice L. Cornell	Travel Expense	67.50
Allan C. Miller	Travel Expense	15.20
Alfred G. Johnson	Transcript	8.00
Doubladay Bros. and Co.	Office Supplies	312.40
Patricia L. Hunter	Travel Expense	257.91
County of Orisgo	Equip. & Furn. rental	112.54
Curtiss Reporting Company	Office Supplies	115.38
Crawford County Avalanche	Printing & Supplies	148.50
Steindler Paper Company	Jan. Sup. & Bldg. Mntnc.	247.31
R & H Sports Center	Engraving	2.40
Mill-Town Refuse Service	Grounds Maintenance	30.00
Mich. Dept. of Labor	Boiler Inspection	5.00
Jansen Plumbing Service	Heating Expense	39.41
Hampel's Key & Gun Shop	Bldg. Maintenance	19.00
Cornell Agency, Inc.	Insurance	43.00
Commercial Lighting Products	Bldg. Maintenance	101.50
Cadillac Janitor Supply	Janitor Supplies	97.46
Fochtman Motor Company	Jan. Sup.-Car & Amb. Exp.	89.20
Miller Hardware	Bldg. Maintenance	38.86
DuBois Lumber Company	Bldg. Mntnc.-Kennel Exp.	56.93
Cadillac Overall Supply Co.	Laundry, Janitor Sup.	
	Ambulance Exp.	64.46
Automotive Parts & Supply	Equip. Rep., Kennel Exp.	19.03
Clinton Office Equipment Co.	Equip. Rep., Of. Sup.	58.66
Star Office Supply	Office Supplies	18.51
Delano Service	Office Supplies	29.18
Grayling Mold and Die Co.	Equipment and Repair	10.00
Mich. County Record Binders	Printing & Binding	198.00
Eastman Kodak Company	Microlfilm Supplies	43.04
Larry D. Hunter	Travel Expense	34.05
Roy Papenfus	Travel Expense	114.85
Tufts Distributing Co.	Car Expense	120.47
Total		249.96
Shell Oil Company	Car Expense	43.46
Northern Fire & Safety Inc.	Car Expense	6.75
Michigan State University	Training Program	20.00
Carl E. Lugvlied	Travel Expense	65.00
Bill Hart Ford Inc.	Car Expense	6.34
Robert A. Granstr.	Uniform Accessories	27.90
Communication Service	Equipment & Repair	217.30
Amoco Oil Company	Car Expense	21.00
Mac's Drug Store	F'm. Sup.-Jail Sup. & Drugs	307.08
Larry's Auto Repair & Towing	Car Expense	125.25
Grayling Office Supply	Office Supplies	14.25
Standard Oil-Charles Fick	Gasoline	1,226.19

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Trouble is, we can't live in the past... not this past year, or any other. Bills have to be paid, chores completed, obligations met, and each person has to contribute something to his world or he is wasting his time.

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Richard Milliman



Good news this week

Why not, now and again, the essayist has been asked, write of brighter things?

Admittedly, most of my subjects are on the down-side of the spectrum, the nature of essaying being what it is in community newspapering.

And also admittedly, better things do happen right along, frequently going unmentioned or at least unspotted in the practice of at least his particular weekly column-writer.

So why not write of brighter things? Why not indeed?

Take for example the fact that two would-be presidential assassins — or at least two individuals who pointed guns at our president — missed.

When Lynette Fromme and Sara Moore failed in what seemed to be their common design, many of us glossed right over possible jubilation that both missed in their aim.

Think of the other side of the coin. Think of the national terror if either had killed, or seriously wounded, President Ford. Think of the public uncertainty, the shame, the tragedy, all the possible reactions and counter-reactions which could have developed — especially right at this critical time in our history.

The attempts at assassination are bad enough; one success, right at that time in history, could have been unbearable — it even could have brought down our republic.

Take for another example the apparent success of the judicial selection procedure.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas resigned, giving President Ford the chance to pick his successor. Michigan Supreme Court Justice John Swainson resigned, giving Governor Milliken similar opportunity.

Either the President or the Governor, or both, could have mishandled the chance to strengthen the judiciary; neither apparently did (despite the protests of Ford's choice from some strong feminists).

Each reached into the lower court system for what apparently are two good, sound, solid appointments — John Paul Stevens to the federal court, and James J. Ryan to the state bench.

The appointments need not have

turned out that way, and many judicial appointments in the past have fizzled. But it's a definite bright spot that they are both good appointments.

Turning from the arena of the law to the arena of sports, take a look at the Pontiac Stadium.

To consider the Stadium as a bright spot, we must leave aside several controversial factors — its financing, its traffic problems, its effect on the central city of Detroit, and several others.

But these controversial matters admitted and ignored, the Pontiac Stadium is there, it's a fine structure, and it works, and it can be used for many things other than football games. The stadium's existence, in my book, is a definite bright spot for the state of Michigan ... as long as the roof doesn't leak.

Staying with football for a moment, the emergence of the Michigan high school football playoffs is a bright spot. During their first year, some bugs emerged and these hopefully will be corrected. It appears the high school football playoffs have won a permanent spot in the heart of Michigan sports fans, and that's a bright spot.

One last glance at football: It's good news that a player like Archie Griffin of Ohio was selected as the Heisman Trophy winner, meaning in the minds of the judges that Griffin is the best college football player of the year. Griffin won the award last year, too.

Winning the award, either once or twice, Archie said, "Proves no goal is unattainable and no standard too high to reach if you're willing to put out an effort." He continued that he hopes "other young men and women will see the great American dream as something we all can share."

Fine sentiments from Archie Griffin, and that such a young man has been so honored is a definite bright spot in today's events.

Well, now, that wasn't so tough, was it ... I mean, to fill a whole column with some nice things for a chance, without a criticism or a stinging rebuke or a cynical snidery in the whole essay.

As a matter of fact, it was sort of fun. I think I'll try it again, real soon.

Ingalls - Ely Vows Exchanged



Joyce Lynette Ingalls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ingalls of 905 Elm St., and Joseph H. Ely, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ely of 126 Woodleaf Drive, were united in marriage Saturday, December 6, at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church. Rev. Paul Weber performed the double ring candlelight ceremony before about 30 members of the immediate family. Mrs. Carl Schraeder played traditional wedding music. White pom-pom mums and white gladiolas decorated the altar.

For her wedding, the bride wore a full length gown of white polyester knit with sheer nylon sleeves and chapel train. White daisy chain trim outlined the neckline, bodice and cuffs. It was made by the bride's mother. She also wore a three-tier veil with a crown of daisy trim and carried a bouquet of white cymbidium orchids with a cascade of red roses, surrounded by baby's breath. She was given in marriage by her father.

Jennie Kenyon was the maid of honor. She wore a long red velvet dress trimmed in white fisherman's lace and carried a bouquet of white carnations with a cascade of red roses surrounded by white baby's breath.

The flower girl was Candy Kietzman of Swartz Creek, cousin of the bride. Her white polyester knit dress was trimmed with red velvet and she carried a basket of mixed coun-

try flowers and white baby's breath.

Chuck Huber served as best man and Ray Ingalls, brother of the bride, was the usher. The men all wore light grey tuxedos trimmed in dark grey.

A reception for family and friends was held at the American Legion Hall following the ceremony. White and yellow decorations were featured. The 4-tiered wedding cake trimmed in yellow was made by the bride's grandmother. About 135 people were in attendance.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Ingalls chose a mint green floor length dress with matching lace top. Mrs. Ely wore a long red knit dress with long sleeves. Both wore corsages of yellow sweetheart roses and white stephanotis.

The bride and groom are both 1975 graduates of Grayling High School. He has enlisted in the Air Force and will leave in January for active duty at San Antonio, Texas.

Out of town guests present were from Houghton Lake, Flushing, Swartz Creek, Flint, Coldwater, Three Rivers, Brokman, Higgins Lake, Grand Rapids and Berwick, Louisiana.

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Mrs. Betty Trudgeon of Sault Ste. Marie arrived December 19th to spend the holidays with her son and his family, the Jack Trudgeons. On December 21st, Mr. and Mrs. Trudgeon and his mother drove to Highland Park to visit her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Carter. The following day they picked up Billie Bovee of Saugerties, N.Y. at Metro Airport and all returned to Grayling.

Miss Dena Bovee of Ann Arbor arrived on Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Hunter drove to Metro Airport to meet their daughter, Gail Hunter, of Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday, December 20th. Enroute they stayed overnight in Flint with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis (nee Marian Keely). Gail is spending until January 2nd with her parents.

Terry Wright of Grand Valley State College in Grand Rapids is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Tom Wright of Ypsilanti, arrived Monday to spend a few days. Christmas guests were Mrs. Wright's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Barbarino of Owosso. While here, they stayed with Mrs. Wright's mother, Mrs. Iva Tiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dawson drove her father, Jack Feldhaus to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for tests and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoel arrived at Metro Airport on Friday, December 19th from their winter home in Dunedin, Fla. They are spending the holidays visiting their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kolka and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Linendoll and family. The family had their annual Christmas at the Kolka home.

Holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Erma Burch were her son Jim Burch and family of Clare and her daughter, the Ron Pickards of Monroe.

Mike Gildner, who is serving in the Navy in San Diego, Cal., and his brother, Jerry, who is in the Army enroute from Ft. Knox to Colorado, are spending the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gildner.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jansen celebrated his December 27th birthday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Frost in Saginaw. On Sunday they spent their annual Christmas party with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peters of Saginaw.

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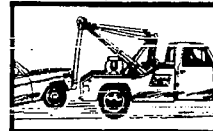
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Kiwanians Meet Exchange Student

Gonzalo Arancibia was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club meeting on Monday noon, December 15th. He spoke on his impressions of his new life in the United States. He answered questions about his personal and family life in Chile. Gonzalo is spending the year with the Charles Fick family as a Youth for Understanding exchange student from Santiago, Chile and is attending Grayling High School.

Legal Notice

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION ACTION
(Under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended)

BOBCAT HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR 1976
The Natural Resources Commission, at its meeting on June 13, 1975, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, in regards to bobcats declared no open season in Zone 3, abridged the open and required a permit to hunt in Zone 2 and on Bois Blanc Island of Zone 1. The seasons and regulations shall be as follows:

Zone 1: No closed season, except on Bois Blanc Island where the season and regulations shall coincide with those of Zone 2.

Zone 2: January 1 through February 29, in Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otsego, Montmorency and Alpena counties. Hunting by permit only.

Zone 3: No open season.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:
A free permit is required of all persons hunting bobcats in Zone 2. Application must be made in person or by mail as follows:

1. Applicants may appear in person at the Gaylor District Headquarters or at the Atlanta, Indian River, or Millersburg field offices of the Department of Natural Resources. Such application must be made during regular working hours. No application is to be made prior to December 1, 1975.

2. Application by mail must be made individually on a government postal card. The applicant shall address the card to himself, typing or printing his name and address on the postage side of the card. The applicant shall then mail the card in an envelope addressed to: Bobcat Permit, P.O. Box 576, Department of Natural Resources, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. Applications must be postmarked no earlier than December 1, 1975.

PERMITS
There is no limit to the number of permits that will be issued. There will be no charge for the permit. The permit authorizes the bearer to hunt during the entire two-month season in the designated open areas.

HUNTING
No person shall hunt under authority of his permit unless he has signed it in ink and carries it on his person along with his 1975 small game or sportsman's license, and unless he properly wears the back tag provided with his license.

Charles J. Guenther
Executive Assistant to the Director and Secretary to the Natural Resources Commission
18-25-1

Case No. 75 002 404

Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 17th day of November, 1975, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein ARTHUR SOLBERG and VIRGINIA M. SOLBERG were the Complainants and JOHN HOWELLS, JR. was the Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Court House in the City of Grayling (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Monday, the 26th day of January, 1976, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, Local Time, the following described property situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, viz:

Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of Block 7 of the Fifth Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and

Lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 of Block 7 of the Fifth Addition to Portage Lake Park, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Subject to a reservation by the State of Michigan on all of the oil, gas and mineral rights therein.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

THIS SALE is for the purpose of foreclosing a certain Land Contract.

Dated: December 1, 1975.
Harold Hatfield, Jr.
Crawford County Sheriff
By: Corporal Thomas Stancil
Deputy Sheriff

Kutlinsky, Davey & Solomon
By: Shelia Solomon
One Ajax Drive
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Madison Heights, Mi. 48071
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gordon L. Amotte and Margaret M. Amotte, husband and wife, Box 311, Grayling, Michigan, to Capp Homes, Inc., a division of Evans Products Company, a Delaware Corporation, of 3355 Hiawatha Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated December 28, 1970, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on January 11, 1971, in Liber 107, page 513-515, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-one and 56/100 (\$10,931.56) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Crawford County Courthouse, front steps, in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on January 26, 1976, at 11:00 o'clock Michigan time in the morning of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with interest thereon, legal costs, attorney fees and also any additional taxes and insurance that said mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows:

A part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 8, T26N, R3W, beginning at the SE corner of said tract and running thence N 89° 55' W on the South line thereof, 120 feet; thence N 1° 20' E 120 feet; thence S 89° 55' E 120 feet to the East line thereof; thence S 1° 20' W along same 120 feet to the point of beginning.

The period of redemption will be 6 months from date of sale.
DATED: December 12, 1975
Law Offices of Sinclair & Clulio
By Paul J. Clulio,
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I just wanted to get the attention of all you good Christians. I have a question for you:

Do you have any objections to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness starting a school in your town?

You know the Krishnas. They shave their heads and wear long gowns and preach in the streets. They often hang around bus terminals and airports, looking as if they fell off an old-fashioned Christmas card.

It is strange to see the Krishnas as jets roar overhead. They look like they should be in Bethlehem, maybe in a manger. (Pay attention now, you Christians. I am getting meaningful.)

The Krishnas recently tried to buy an abandoned military academy in the small farming community of Aledo, Ill. They wanted to use it for a school. But the good Christians of Aledo didn't want anything to do with the Krishnas.

"The academy definitely suited our needs, but the townspeople obviously did not want us there," said the Krishna business manager. "The prevailing attitude was such that we were concerned about the welfare of the children should we move there."

The Krishna leaders were shouted down when they tried to plead their case at the public meeting. Mrs. Glen Stancliff, who led the Aledo drive against the Krishnas, explained there was no room for the sect or its children because Aledo is a Christian community and the Krishnas aren't Christian, they are Hindu.

"Toleration? Our country was founded on that, but remember everyone that came to our country accepted the Lord, Jesus Christ as their savior," Mrs. Stancliff said. "We're trying to protect our own religion is what we are trying to do."

The Jews must have been stowaways on the Mayflower. They probably snuck ashore while the good Christians were ripping off the Indians.

The sad truth is that there are millions of Christians who agree with Mrs. Stancliff. They think theirs is the only path and everyone else must either be saved by the missionaries or kept out of town. They are small people who can't see over their Bibles and they cannot possibly pray hard enough on Sunday to make up for the hypocritical poison they ooze all week. The Jesus Christ who was born in Bethlehem would be ashamed to listen to them.

No room in Aledo, Mrs. Stancliff said.

No room in the inn. †

School Activities Calendar

Week of January 2 through 8, 1976

Monday, January 5th
Schools re-open. Freshmen basketball at home tonight with Boyne City. The wrestling team will travel to Boyne City.

Tuesday, January 6th
The Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Teams will travel to Boyne City.

Wednesday, January 7th
There will be a Junior High Basketball game with Cheboygan in the Middle School Gym ... Game time is 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 8th
The Freshmen Basketball Team will travel to Cheboygan. The Wrestling Team will play host to Onaway tonight in the high school gym.

Hospital Patients Remembered



Stephanie Hindmarsh and Kelly Doyle are two of Mrs. Brown's second graders who took the Christmas cards they made to sick children in the hospital. They walked over from the school and presented their cards to Mr. Nimke and Mrs. Vermont, who will see that the children spending Christmas in the hospital get cards.

"I made my card to make other children happy," says Kathy Gofnick. "I felt like cheering up the children who can't have Christmas at home," says Sheri San Carter.

The second grade class had talked about giving and making others happy, so they decided the hospital was a good place to start.

Board of Commissioners

Drs. Dosch & Burkley	Professional Services	390.00
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MOTION by Welch, second by Lowrie, that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted and approved. Roll Call. Welch, Lowrie, Carlisle, Failing, Harwood, Kauffman, LaGrow—All Aye. Carried.

MOTION by LaGrow, second by Welch, that the County Clerk be authorized to set up a new payroll system. Roll Call. All Aye. Carried.

The bills of the several Commissioners were allowed at this time.

Kenneth R. Carlisle	60.00
Holla Failing	152.50
Patrick E. Harwood	72.60
Fred Kauffman	294.00
Joseph A. LaGrow	80.00
Edward Lowrie	256.73
Dean L. Welch	160.20

MOTION by Failing, second by LaGrow, to adjourn. Roll Call.

All Aye. Carried.

Fred Kauffman, Chairman
Leo E. Lovely, Clerk

Christmas Parties

President and Mrs. Robert Stenger of Kirtland Community College were hosts at their home to a Christmas Open House for members of the board, administration and faculty of KCC on December 23rd.

The HRI stock club enjoyed their annual Christmas party and dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nicholson. Co-hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a small dinner party at their home on Saturday, December 20th.

The Feldhauser's held their annual Christmas party a little earlier this year at the home of Jack Feldhauser. The family gathered at his home on December 14th. Present were the Larry Baynham family, the Dick Williams family, Carrie Baynham, the Edward Riehl family of Mount Pleasant, the Steve Dawsons of Lake City, Laura Feldhauser and Bob Miller, and Bessie and Dora Feldhauser.

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Vickie, Melanie and Deirdre Papendick, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Papendick were at the Bluebonnet Bowl in Texas with the Warren Township High School Band from Gurnee, Illinois on Saturday. They will also attend the Cotton Bowl Game on New Year's Day. The girl's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber of Frederic.

Jennifer Ann Rouse was born December 23rd at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rouse and she weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Horning and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly.

Eise Andersen has returned home after spending two weeks visiting her daughter-in-law, Mary Rasmussen and children, in Lansing. She visited Jess Sales in the Ingham Medical Center and was his last visitor prior to his death.

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Mike Hoffman of Ferris State College and Bridget Hoffman of MSU are spending the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman.

Guests of the Don Jansen's for his installation on December 13th were his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John List of Saginaw, and his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jansen and Mr. Wilfred Jansen, of Roscommon.

Home to spend the holidays with Col. and Mrs. E. A. Rutkowski were their son Rick and friend, Carol Mooney, of Colorado and his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Alan R. Parks. Alan and Debbie have just left Chanute AFB in Illinois and after New Years will be leaving for Cheyenne, Wyoming where AF is stationed in the Air Force. Also spending the holidays with the Rutkowski family were another daughter, Kathie, and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Piper of Grayling. Unable to be home for the holidays this year were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Franklin (nee Linda Rutkowski), and son Mark of New Jersey, Dave Rutkowski who is stationed at Altes AFB in Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Del Brown (Mrs. Rutkowski's mother), who are now spending the winter in Florida. The family wishes to extend warm wishes for the holidays to them.

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The following are among the patients at Mercy Hospital this week: Margaret Amlotte, Eva Barri, Patricia Duley, Claribel Goss, John Harland, Homer King Jr., Andrew Spencer, Florence Stephan, Sandra Taylor and Jeffrey Tubbs, all of Grayling, & Helen Meek of Frederic.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Millard of Grayling are the parents of a daughter, Leanne Marie, born December 21st, and weighing 6 lbs. 12 ozs.

A daughter, Nichole Katherine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Vaughn of Grayling on December 24th, weighing 6 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lauman (nee Pamela Gibson) and son, Kurt, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., have been spending three weeks in Saginaw and in Grayling visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Gibson. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Price (nee Diane Gibson) of Saginaw spent the weekend before last with her parents and the three families spent Christmas in Saginaw.

The Dr. Henig family were all home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Don Sawyer from Amherstburg, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. Michael Munroe from Rapid River, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pielack from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson from Grayling, and Tina Henig from MSU.

Spending Christmas with the William Josephs were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joseph of Trenton and Mrs. L. W. Huntington of Eaton Rapids.

The Robert Sorenson family enjoyed their Christmas together. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sorenson and family coming from Mount Pleasant, John Sorenson from Benton Harbor, Judy Sorenson from Bay City and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox and family from Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boyd and Susan of Flint spent several days over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evert Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson and children of South Lyons came Christmas Eve to spend a week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piel of Vanderbilt.

The name of Iole McInnes was inadvertently left out of the Christmas greeting ad from Hatt's Adult Foster Home. Our apologies for the omission.

Farewell Parties Held For Exchange Student

Paulo Baia was the honored guest when the Don Fergusons and Tim hosted a farewell surprise party for him on Saturday, December 20th. On Monday, the James Duley family hosted a farewell and Christmas party for him. Paulo has been a Rotary exchange student living in the community in three different homes for 3 months each, with the Paul Fredericks: the Robert MacLachlans; and the James Duleys. He left Tuesday to spend four days in New York before flying to Paris. He will spend 28 days in Europe and then return to his home in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Paulo wanted to express his thanks to the whole community for his stay here. He said it was a great year—fantastic!

"Main Stream Musing"

Writing Out The Old
[By Jaymee Seidel]

How do you celebrate New Year's? I haven't been able to find a way that suits me since I stopped banging on a pan with a wooden spoon at midnight at about age 14. It was so satisfying, after spending the evening writing out my resolutions while I watched Guy Lombardo on TV, to go out on the front porch at exactly 12 o'clock and make all the noise humanly possible. Then I could go to sleep, confident I had done all that was necessary to properly usher in the new year.

Since then, New Year's Eve has blurred in memory. There was one year when we went to a Fireman's Ball where they had sold tickets to about 2,000 more people than the place would hold. Within the first hour I was stepped on, spilled on, and scrunched to such a degree that we voted to go home and make popcorn. And they've all been downhill since.

But whatever happened to making resolutions? I of course never kept any of mine, but I still felt they ought to be made every year. I guess I was in my teens before I discovered that other people sometimes also made resolutions they didn't keep. It was a delicious sort of punishment, admitting all of my faults, giving names to them, and working out corrective measures.

Now, psychologists tell us that making resolutions is harmful because of the sense of guilt when they are broken. A person who goes on year after year resolving to change habits that in his heart he knows he'll never change gets overwhelmed by the burden of failures. Not only (he thinks) do I smoke, but

I've been lying to myself for 25 years about stopping.

Three of my recurring resolutions were to lose fifty pounds, start going to bed at a regular hour, and to get organized ... by no later than next week. After all these years I'm still ... uh, overplump. I still don't know when to call it a day. And all about me is confusion, from the top of my desk to the corners of my mind.

I hate to give up making resolutions. It was such a nice tradition. But then, I can't afford to keep punishing my psyche, either. The answer seems to be to make some resolutions I can keep, so here are a few I've come up with: 1) I resolve not to learn to play mahjongg or 5-card stud. 2) I resolve not to take up smoking a hookah. 3) I resolve that from now on until forever, I will buy no clothes that have to be ironed. 4) I resolve to stop wondering what may be behind the refrigerator. 5) I resolve to stop reading child psychology books, or, if I must read them, to ignore their advice.

There. It's easy once you get the hang of it. I'm sure by New Year's Eve I'll have a self-improvement program I can live with.

American League, 1st Division
1. Legion 2
2. Clair's 2
3. Milliken's 2
4. Seyfert's 2
5. Sawyer's Tree Service 1
6. Bear Archery 1
7. Uncle Al's 1
8. Rochettes 1
High Series: J. Kolka, 576; R. Roper, 549; E. Griffith, 541.
High Game: P. Nunn, 213; E. Griffith, 207; K. Wyman, 205.
Bear Archery was the winner of the first half.

National League, 1st Division
1. Holiday 31
2. Tarpon 25
3. Gambles 21 1/2
4. Larry & Joan's 19
5. Auto Clinic 18 1/2
6. Red Barn 18
7. Hotel 16
High Series: D. LaMotte, 573; L. Davis, 551; J. Budd, 550.
High Game: D. Ray, 233; J. Budd, 227; W. Reinhardt, 226.

Northwood League
1. Cover up Shop 4
2. Jake's Refuse 3
3. Bear Archery 2
4. Russ' Dry Wall 2
5. AuSable Motel 2
6. Laurine's 2
7. Holiday Inn 1
8. Jack Pine Plumbing 0
High Game: J. Campbell, 179; F. Sander, 175; V. Kehr, 172.

Sunday Afternoon Fun League
1. Spike's Keg O' Nails 45 1/2
2. Carol's Mobil #2 35 1/2
3. Colleen Excavating 35
4. Pizza Castle 31 1/2
5. Dad's Sport Shop 29
6. True Value Hdwe. 24
7. Grayling Enterprises 22
8. Carol's Mobil #1 17 1/2
High Series: Women: J. McClelland, 463; V. Henning, 460; C. Baker, 456.

High Game, Women: V. Henning, 172; C. Hall, 166; V. Henning & J. McClelland, 164.
High Series, Men: H. Baker, 529; D. Henning, 519; J. Colleen, 513.

High Game, Men: T. Krause, 216; H. Baker, 215; D. Henning, 204.
Sunday Nite Mixed
1. Beaver Bend 4
2. Post Oil 4
3. Grayling Auto Clinic 3
4. R & H Sports 2
5. Legion Lanes 2
6. Jake's Refuse 1
7. Seyfert's Chips 0
8. Bill's Standard 0
High Series, Women: J. Gorman, 452; E. Helsel, 441; G. Jones, 420.

High Game, Women: E. Helsel, 172; G. Jones, 160; J. Gorman, 159.
High Game, Men: K. Moore, 205; D. Lozon, 192; K. Helsel, 192.
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